

Conference Announcement

Sheraton World Resort
Orlando, Florida

November 19-22, 2002

The **3rd National Conference on Water-Quality Field Activities** will be held in Orlando, Florida and is sponsored by the U. S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, Office of Water Quality. The conference is intended for personnel of the U.S. Geological Survey who are actively involved in the field aspects of water quality programs and projects. The purpose of this conference is for field personnel involved in the collection of water-quality, microbiology, and/or ecology data and information to gather to discuss and share information on many field-related topics.

Session topics include

- New and emerging equipment and techniques
- Continuous monitoring
- Automatic samplers
- Ground- and surface-water sample collection and processing
- Field aspects of microbiology studies
- Field aspects of ecological studies
- Field computing
- Database and data management issues
- Safety

The conference will include presentations, displays, demonstrations, hands-on activities, posters, and vendors. Registration will begin at 1pm on Monday, November 18. The meeting will begin at 8am on Tuesday, November 19 and will end by noon on Friday, Nov. 22.

We encourage everyone who is involved in all types of water-quality data collection activities to attend.

There is no registration fee for the meeting. A registration form is available on the conference website at <http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/owq/meetings.html>. Email the information to nlsnow@usgs.gov or fax or send the form to Nana Snow (fax no 703-648-5722; address 412 National Center, Reston, VA 20192). The deadline for registration is Friday, Oct. 25.

Hotel reservations are to be made by calling the Sheraton at 407-352-1100.

Rates are:

Single/Double \$95.00 (per diem rate)

Triple \$115.00

Quad \$135.00

All will have 6% sales tax and 5% occupancy tax, plus a \$15 per day resort fee, added on to them.

The deadline for motel reservations is Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 5:30pm EST.

Details about the conference (agenda, guidelines, etc.) will be posted on the website as they become available.

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